



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR**

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT  
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED – 3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Account Number 10441209, in amount of \$153,195  
Account Number 10502610, in amount of \$21,805

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

**PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

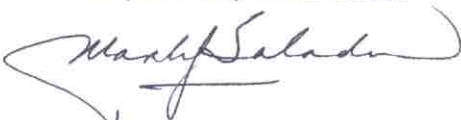
**IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:**

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK J. SALADINO  
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel

APPROVED AS TO FORM

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By   
Principal Deputy County Counsel

## DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
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TRANSMITTAL NO. 66A  
DATE: August 26, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$515,219.00	Account Number	10441209
Amount Paid	.00	Client	Adult Female
Balance Due	515,219.00	Service Date	08/28/99 to 01/12/00
Compromise Amount Offered	153,195.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$362,024.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

### JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$515,219.00. There was no Medi-Cal or Medicare involvement associated with the County related charges.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$1,351,861.50 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 675,930.75	\$ 675,930.75	50.00%
Attorney Cost	39,500.00	39,500.00	2.92%
Medi-Cal	42,000.00	42,000.00	3.10%
Medicare	1,260.00	1,260.00	.10%
County of Los Angeles	515,219.00	153,195.00	11.33%
Net to Client	N/A	439,975.75	32.55%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,273,909.75</b>	<b>\$1,351,861.50</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is 74 years old. The only source of income is Social Security. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

### DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 66B  
DATE: August 26, 2004

Amount of Aid	\$73,393.00	Account Number	10502610
Amount Paid	.00	Client	Adult Female
Balance Due	73,393.00	Service Date	12/07/99 to 12/30/99
Compromise Amount Offered	21,805.00	Facility	Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$51,588.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

### JUSTIFICATION

The client was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. She was treated at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center at a cost of \$73,393.00. There was no Medi-Cal or Medicare involvement associated with the County related charges.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$148,138.50 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 74,069.25	\$ 74,069.25	50.00%
Attorney Cost	10,500.00	10,500.00	7.09%
Medi-Cal	18,000.00	18,000.00	12.16%
Medicare	540.00	540.00	.37%
County of Los Angeles	73,393.00	21,805.00	14.71%
Net to Client	N/A	23,224.25	15.67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$176,502.25</b>	<b>\$148,138.50</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is 74 years old. The only source of income is Social Security. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.